



Health Care Workforce

Libby Abbott, Deputy Director, Health Workforce Development, Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI)

Libby Abbott joined California's Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) in October 2023 as a Deputy Director to lead the Health Workforce Development team.

Prior to joining HCAI, Libby was the Director of the Health Workforce Program at the Clinton Health Access Initiative, where she led a portfolio of technical assistance to the governments of 12 countries on health workforce planning, programs, and policy. In this capacity she worked closely with the governments of several countries – Ethiopia, Liberia, Malawi, and Rwanda – to design and launch national health workforce strategies, including supply and demand modeling to set workforce targets, pre-service scale up plans, and introducing new health professions training programs.

Libby also has a background in research, monitoring, and evaluation.

Libby holds two master's degrees in Public Health and International Affairs from Columbia University.

Kathryn Phillips, Associate Director of Improving Access, California Health Care Foundation (CHCF)

Kathryn E. Phillips is an associate director on CHCF's Improving Access team, which works to improve access to coverage and care for Californians with low incomes. Kathryn supports strategy across the team, develops strategic priorities and new initiatives to build the future health care workforce in California, and fosters alignment of workforce activities across the foundation.

In her previous role as a senior program officer, Kathryn managed the California Improvement Network and led the foundation's efforts to advance primary care, including modernizing payment for Federally Qualified Health Centers and public health care systems, accelerating the adoption of integrated behavioral health care statewide, and improving population health management capabilities among providers that serve Medi-Cal members. She continues to lead programming to improve health equity by fostering greater investment in primary care systemwide.

Kathryn holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Oregon and a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan.